

# Thomas House

Herrick Archives Number H 112

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1.1 Never officially named by Board of Trustees action.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

1.2.1 Built as Residence No. 3.

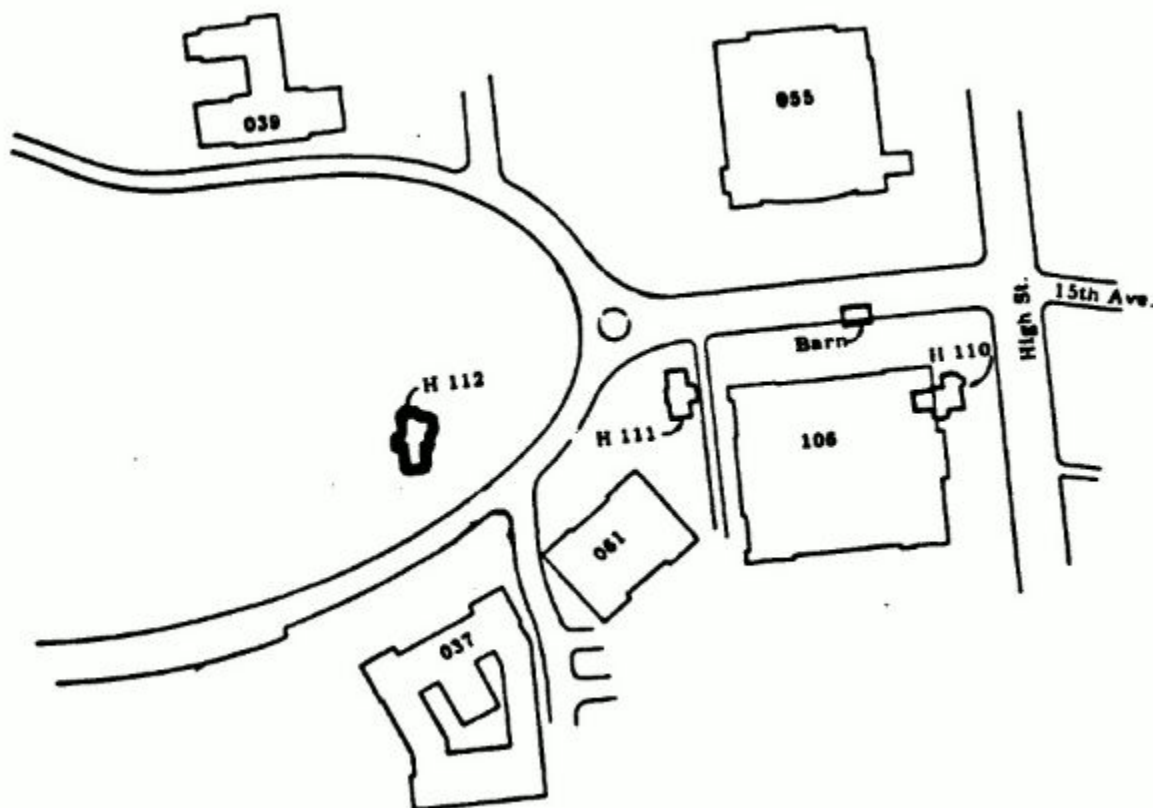
1.2.2 Occupied in turn by Professor T. C. Mendenhall, A. C. Barrows, and B. F. Thomas (Hooper: 250); building probably was referred to by these names.

1.2.3 After relocation, the building was known as the Athletic House. It was later used by the School of Music and was called the Music Annex.

See Addenda Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 7

### 2. Location

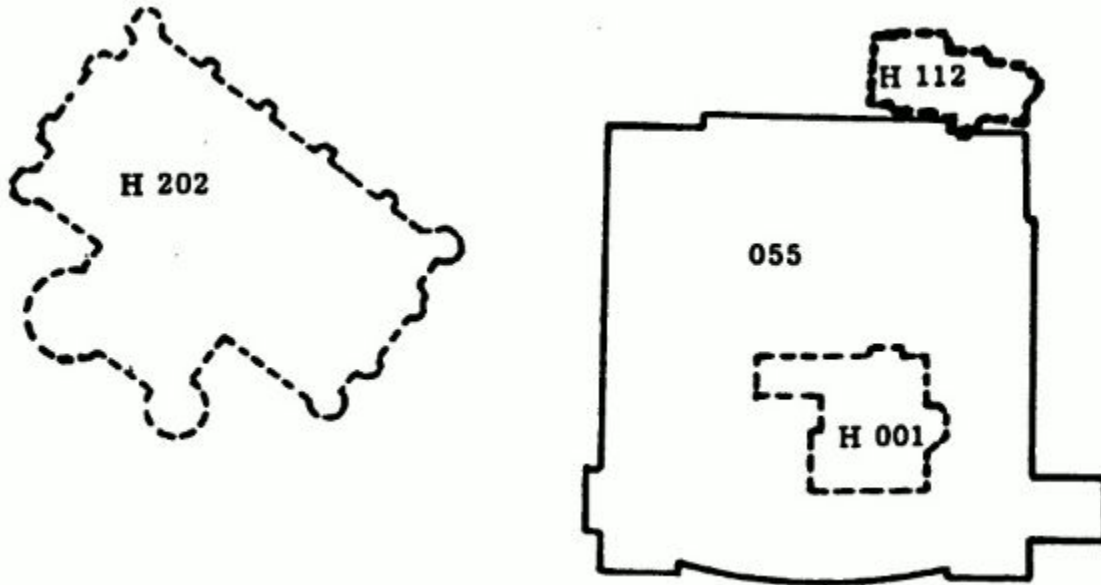
2.1 The approximate original location in relation to present day buildings is shown in the sketch. It must be stressed that the location is approximate; no maps have yet been located that make it possible to determine the precise location.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

See Addendum No. 1

2.2 After relocation, this house stood at the north edge of today's Mershon Auditorium (Building 055). See sketch.



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See Addenda Nos. 1, 5

### 3. General Description

#### 3.1 Type of construction:

Frame.

#### 3.2 No. of stories:

Basement, two stories, and attic.

#### 3.3 Increments of construction:

None noted.

#### 3.4 Area of building:

Listed at 4,608 square feet in 1913 (McC 2: 284); same in 1925 (McC 4: 7A).

#### 3.5 Volume:

Listed at 49,152 cubic feet in 1913 (McC 2: 284); same in 1925 (McC 4: 7A).

#### 3.6 No. of rooms:

Twelve (McC 1: 8A).

## B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On June 20, 1882 the Board of Trustees approved the plans and related documents prepared by J. T. Harris and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors.
2. Bids were received on August 1, 1882 (T).
3. On August 1, 1882 the Board of Trustees awarded the construction contract to Robert Wood.
4. Completion and occupancy:
  - 4.1 Exact date of completion not determined.
  - 4.2 McCracken (McC 1: 8A) lists 1882 as the date of construction.
  - 4.3 The Board of Trustees minutes for November 14, 1882 speak of the building as "now in course of construction" and specify the first tenant.

## C. RELOCATION

1. Board of Trustees authorized moving the house on June 16, 1902.
2. Remodeled in summer of 1912 to provide shower and locker rooms (L 6/11/12)

## D. DEMOLITION

1. Board of Trustees on May 9, 1949 approved demolition as soon as Music moves into new building (042).

See Addendum No. 3

## E. COST

Contract price was \$4,800.

## F. MISCELLANEOUS

1. This was one of three faculty residences built by the University in 1882. The others were H 110 and H 111.
2. Building made available to Music in 1931-32 (R, 1931-32. p. 94).
3. According to McCracken, the Thomas family "occupied the house during the entire trip across the campus" when the house was moved to its new location on High Street from the Oval (McC 2: 26).

## G. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 1305—at original location

X 13 06—at second location

See Addendum No. 4

John H. Herrick

August 25, 1972

### ADDENDUM NO. 1

Address at original location arbitrarily assigned: 94 South Oval Drive.

Address at second location was 1895 North High Street.

John H. Herrick

February 17, 1976

### ADDENDUM NO. 2

A reference to this building as the "Old Athletic House" has been noted.

John H. Herrick

March 16, 1976

### ADDENDUM NO. 3

Cabinet awarded the contract for demolition of this building to the Foster Wrecking Company on October 10, 1949.

John H. Herrick

May 28, 1976

### ADDENDUM NO. 4

The Lantern for September 25, 1912 shows a good picture of this house. The caption calls it the "New Athletic Field House."

John H. Herrick

August 8, 1977

### ADDENDUM NO. 5

See report on Building H 131 for possible alternate site for the relocation of this building.

The Lantern sometimes referred to this building at its High Street location as the "Training Quarters."

John H. Herrick

April 6, 1979

### ADDENDUM NO. 6

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional names for this building:

Music  
Music Hall No. 2  
Team House

John H. Herrick

November 10, 1979

### ADDENDUM NO. 7

The following additional names for this building have been found on old campus maps:

Professor's Residence  
Ohio Athletic House

John H. Herrick

September 21, 1981